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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (amended) An end user interface in a bi-directional broadband communication system, wherein said end user interface comprises:

multiple ports,

at least one end user device connected to each port,

a transceiver,

a designation element, wherein said designation element identifies said multiple ports,

a processing unit, wherein said processing unit provides a greeting and routes a signal received by said transceiver to one of said multiple ports selected by an end user using said greeting, and

~~a designation, wherein said designation identifies said multiple ports.~~

2. - 3. (canceled)

4. (amended) The end user interface of claim 3 1, wherein said processing unit provides a message after said greeting.

5. (original) The end user interface of claim 4, wherein said greeting and said message are customized.

6. (original) The end user interface of claim 4, wherein said end user interface stores multiple greetings and messages and said processing unit selectively provides said greeting and message from said multiple greetings and messages.

7. (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said at least one end user device provides a distinct alert.

8. (original) The end user interface of claim 7, wherein said distinct alert is a distinctive ring.

9. (amended) The end user interface of claim 2 1, wherein said end user interface displays or announces an identity of said one of said multiple ports selected by ~~an~~ said end user.

10. (original) The end user interface of claim 9, wherein said identity includes one or more of a group comprising a name, number or tone.

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11. (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said broadband communication system includes an Internet Protocol Network supporting Internet Protocol telephony service.

12. (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said at least one end user device includes one or more POTS telephones or Internet Protocol telephones or digital telephones.

13. (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said designation element is a directory number.

14. (amended) An end user interface in a bi-directional broadband communication system, wherein said end user interface comprises:

multiple ports,

a processing unit which provides a greeting,

at least one end user device connected to each port, and

multiple designations for identifying said multiple ports,

a transceiver,

a signal, including one of said multiple designations, received by said transceiver,

wherein said processing unit routes said signal to one of said multiple ports depending on a port selected by an end user using said greeting.

15. - 16. (canceled)

17. (amended) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said processing unit provides a message after said one of said multiple ports is selected.

18. (original) The end user interface of claim 17, wherein said greeting and said message are customized.

19. (original) The end user interface of claim 17, wherein said end user interface stores multiple greetings and messages and said processing unit selectively provides said greeting and message from multiple greetings and messages.

20. (original) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said at least one end user device provides a distinct alert.

21. (original) The end user interface of claim 20, wherein said distinct alert is a distinctive ring.

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22. (amended) The end user interface of claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said end user interface displays or announces an identity of said one of said multiple ports selected by an said end user.

23. (original) The end user interface of claim 22, wherein said identity includes one or more of a group comprising a name, number or tone.

24. (original) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said broadband communication system includes an Internet Protocol Network supporting Internet Protocol telephony service.

25. (original) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said at least one end user device includes one or more POTS telephones or Internet Protocol telephones or digital telephones.

26. (amended) The end user interface of claim ~~1~~ 14 wherein said designation is a directory number.

27. (amended) A method of associating a directory number with multiple ports on an end user interface in a broadband communications system supporting Internet Protocol telephony service comprising the steps of:

mapping said directory number with said multiple ports on said end user interface, receiving an incoming call,

providing a greeting,

selecting a port using said greeting, and

directing said incoming call to said selected port.

28. (original) The method of claim 27 further comprising the steps of: alerting to said incoming call using a distinctive alert associated with said selected port.

29. (canceled)

30. (amended) The method of claim ~~29~~ 27 further comprising the step of: providing a message after the greeting.

31. (original) The method of claim 30 wherein said greeting and said message are customized.

32. (original) The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of: selecting said greeting and said message from multiple greetings and messages.

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33. *(original)* The method of claim 27 wherein each of said multiple ports includes a unique identity and displaying or announcing said unique identity of said selected port.

34. - 43. *(canceled)*

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